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Label Switched Paths Across Multiple Autonomous  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of April 4, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Armitage, U.S. Patent No. 6,347,303 in view of Aggarwal, U.S. Patent 6,330,614.

U.S. Patent 6,347,303, Armitage:

Armitage describes a negotiative protocol by which Label Switched Paths (LSPs) can be explicitly established using a defined distribution protocol. Portions of a label are defined by an upstream neighbor in an adjacent pair of Label Switched Routers (LSRs) by having the upstream neighbor provide a bit mask, indicating which portions of the label are to be assigned by the